

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION NEWS AND NOTES** from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)  
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**Register Now for South Carolina's Preservation Conference**

Join us for this year's preservation conference on April 21, 2017 at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia. The schedule features a full slate of speakers on a wide range of history and preservation topics. The conference brochure is available at <http://shpo.sc.gov/events/Documents/17ConferenceBrochure.pdf>. Online registration is available at [this link](#). **Early registration ends tomorrow, April 11.**

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**6 Nominations Approved by State Review Board**

The State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places met Friday, March 24, 2017 and approved the following nominations:

- Fort Mitchel, Hilton Head Island, Beaufort County
- Jackson Street Cottages, Charleston, Charleston County
- Magnolia Umbra Cemetery Historic District, Charleston, Charleston County
- Lawton-Seabrook Cemetery, Edisto Island, Charleston County
- Waikiki Village Motel, Myrtle Beach, Horry County
- Champion and Pearson Funeral Home, Columbia, Richland County

The nominations will be forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register at the National Park Service in Washington, DC who makes the final decision about listing the property in the National Register. For more information about the State Board of Review, see <http://shpo.sc.gov/programs/natreg/Pages/Board.aspx> or contact Ehren Foley at

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#### 4 New Listings in the National Register of Historic Places

The **Charleston Consolidated Railway, Electric, and Gas Company Car House**, known locally as the **Charleston Trolley Barn**, was listed in the National Register February 28, 2017. It was constructed as trolley car maintenance space, and is a large brick masonry building located at 649 Meeting Street on the northern portion of the Charleston peninsula. The building is locally significant under Criterion A in the area of transportation. The original building was constructed in 1897 and was part of a complex that included a power house, which is no longer extant, that was once located across Meeting Street. This complex was responsible for powering and maintaining the electric streetcar line when the horse-drawn streetcars were modernized in 1897. The period of significance of the property runs from its construction to 1938, when the Charleston trolleys were decommissioned. Although the trolley barns remained in service for the replacement fleet of buses, the buildings are more strongly associated with the trolley system. The Trolley Barn represents the last extant building associated with the electric trolley system that was once integral to Charleston's transportation network.

The **General Asbestos and Rubber Company (GARCO) Main Mill**, North Charleston was listed in the National Register February 28, 2017. The GARCO plant was integral in the Charleston economy throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The company provided jobs for the community and was a local leader in exports, while being directly tied to some of the most significant national events during the twentieth century. Therefore, the GARCO Main Mill building is locally significant under National Register Criterion A for significantly contributing to the industrial development of North Charleston and for the plant's role in manufacturing asbestos and rubber products that met the needs of the nation and beyond. GARCO helped supply the American war efforts during both WWI and WWII, producing asbestos brake lining for Allied tanks, among other products. Later, the company also played a role in supplying NASA's Apollo program. Built in 1915 the current building is the last surviving structure associated with the major GARCO manufacturing presence in the Charleston area and operated as a wind and loom facility. The end date of the period of significance, 1972, was chosen to coincide with the conclusion of NASA's Apollo space program. GARCO produced important materials, most notably an elastomer adhesive known as REFSET (Raybestos-Manhattan's Elastomer for Space Exploration and Travel), that was used on the Apollo spacecraft. The rubber soles of the astronauts' boots for the Apollo 11 mission were also made in the North Charleston GARCO factory, making them one of the first man-made products to ever touch the moon.

The **Old Pilgrim Baptist Church Cemetery and Kilgore Family Cemetery**, in the Simpsonville vicinity, was listed in the National Register February 28, 2017. The Kilgore cemetery served as the plantation cemetery for members of the Kilgore family, a wealthy planter family whose generations were very active in the development of their local community and the state of South Carolina. The twenty-nine interments document the family through three generations over the course of the nineteenth century, encompassing the rise and fall of plantation culture in upstate South Carolina. The accompanying markers trace the evolution of funerary art in the upstate during this period and include multiple markers created by W.T. White, a member of a prominent stonecutting family in Charleston, who was active from the 1840's through 1870. Directly adjacent to the Kilgore Family Cemetery, moreover, is the Old Pilgrim Baptist Church Cemetery, an African American cemetery associated with Old Pilgrim Baptist Church, which was founded in 1868 by, among others, at least five former slaves from the Kilgore plantation. Old Pilgrim's cemetery traces the history of African American burial practices in southern Greenville County beginning during slavery in the antebellum period, through emancipation, and into the twentieth century. The period of significance extends from the earliest known burial in 1813 until 1956, when the orientation and character of the Old Pilgrim Baptist Church Cemetery shifted to conform to the modern church building. The cemetery is listed for its significance under Criterion C (Art/Funerary Art) and Criterion A (Ethnic Heritage: African American).

A boundary increase for the **Columbia Commercial Historic District** was approved February 28, 2017 to include **1222 Taylor Street** and **1224 Taylor Street**. The two buildings were originally excluded from the district because they had an aluminum slipcover facade that was added in the 1980s. Since that time, however, the aluminum slipcover has been removed, revealing that the storefronts and facades of the two buildings were substantially intact and appeared as they had during the district's period of significance (1865-1963). 1222 Taylor Street, which was built in 1914 and remodeled in 1936, housed Rose-Talbert Paints from 1936-1977. 1224 Taylor Street, with its symmetrical storefront and simple one-over-one windows on the second level, was built in 1940. It was designed by Wessinger and Johnson associated architects and erected for E.L. Greever. The Western Auto Company, which operated 235 stores in 1940, leased the building upon its completion. They utilized the first floor for retail sales and the second floor for stock.

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## **Recommendations for the Future of the National Historic Preservation Program**

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) used the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966 to analyze the program established by this law and to recommend policy and other actions for enhancing and improving the program to address current and future needs. The result is *The National Historic Preservation Program at 50: Priorities and Recommendations for the Future*, available at <http://achp.gov/docs/Preservation50FinalReport.pdf>.

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## Preserving Southern Architecture Award

The Southeast Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians (SESAH) seeks nominations for the "Best of the South: Preserving Southern Architecture" Award. This annual award honors a project that preserves, rehabilitates, or restores a historic property - including a building, a structure, or a complex of buildings and/or structures - in an outstanding manner and that demonstrates excellence in research, documentation, design, and execution. Projects in the twelve-state SESA region, which includes South Carolina, and that were completed in 2015 or 2016 are eligible. For more information about the nomination process contact Blake Wintory at [lakeport.ar@gmail.com](mailto:lakeport.ar@gmail.com). **Deadline: July 1, 2017.**

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## Historic Preservation Podcasts

The National Center for Preservation Technology and Training has dozens of podcasts on a wide range of preservation topics ranging from historic porches to disaster planning to job-hunting tips for historic preservation. Check out the podcasts at [this link](#).

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## Conferences / Workshops / Events

**NEW Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Spring Webinar Series.** Programs are offered through May 2017 on a range of topics. More information is available [here](#).

**NEW Preservation Leadership Training Offered by National Trust Forum.** Three events are offered this spring:

- \* [Historic Real Estate Finance Training, Part I \(May 8-12, Fairmont, WV\)](#)
- \* [National Preservation Law Conference \(June 13, Washington, DC\)](#)
- \* [Preserving History, Building Community by Reimagining the A.G. Gaston Motel \(June 25-30, Birmingham, AL\)](#)

**Grants Writing Workshop**, April 20, 2017, Allendale. To register for this free workshop go to <http://schumanities.org/grants/allendale-grants-writing-workshop/>.

**SC Historic Preservation Conference**, April 21, 2017, SC Archives & History Center, Columbia. Details on the program and registration are available at <http://shpo.sc.gov/events/Pages/presconf.aspx>. Questions about registration? Please contact Grace Salter at 803-896-0339, [gsalter@scdah.sc.gov](mailto:gsalter@scdah.sc.gov). **Early registration discount available until April 11.**

**National Council on Public History**, April 19-22, 2017, Indianapolis, IN. Information on registration, lodging, and conference exhibiting can be found here: <http://ncph.org/conference/2017-annual-meeting/>.

**Pine Mountain Settlement School Restoration Maintenance Workshop**, April 30-May 5, 2017, Pine Mountain, KY. Join nationally known preservation trades artisans Bob Yapp and Patrick Kennedy for a 5-day, hands-on learning experience on the beautiful campus of Pine Mountain Settlement School. Click [here](#) for more information.

**Main Street Now Conference**, May 1-3, 2017, Pittsburgh, PA. For more information visit Main Street Now! Conference [web page](#).

**Alliance for Historic Landscape Preservation Annual Meeting**, May 24-27, 2017, Calgary, Canada. Conference details and registration information is available here <http://ahlp.org/annual-meetings/annual-meeting-2017/>.

**Vernacular Architecture Forum 2017 Annual Meeting**, May 31-June 3, 2017, Salt Lake City, UT. For more information visit the VAF website at [www.vafweb.org](http://www.vafweb.org).

**Transforming Public History from Charleston to the Atlantic World**, June 15-17, 2017, Charleston. Please see the conference page for more information <http://avery.cofc.edu/programs/2017-conference-transforming-public-history-from-charleston-to-the-atlantic-world/>.

**American Association of State and Local History**, September 6-9, 2017, Austin, TX. More information is available at <http://about.aaslh.org/conference/>.

**NEW Preservation North Carolina's Annual Conference**, September 27-29, 2017, Charlotte, NC. Conference information will be posted at <http://www.presnc.org/experience/annual-conference/>.

**Southeast Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians Annual Conference**, October 11-14, 2017, Lynchburg, VA. More information is available at <http://sesah.org/2017-annual-conference-in-lynchburg-va/>.

**Keeping History Above Water**, October 29-November 1, 2017, Annapolis, MD. Please visit <http://www.historyabovewater.org/2017-conference/> for more information.

**NEW 2017 PastForward Conference**, November 14-17, 2017, Chicago, IL. The main themes this year will be ReUrbanism, Technology, and Health. Check back [here](#) for updates. Registration will open in July 2017.

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### **Grant Application Deadlines**

**NEW June 1, 2017 National Trust Preservation Funds:** Grants from the National Trust Preservation Funds are intended to encourage preservation at the local level by providing seed money for preservation projects. These grants help stimulate public discussion, enable local groups to gain the technical expertise needed for particular projects, introduce the public to preservation concepts and techniques, and encourage

financial participation by the private sector. For more information about the grants and the application process [click here](#).

### **Online sources of grant information:**

[National Trust for Historic Preservation](#) Finding Preservation Funding  
[Preservation Directory](#) Grants & Funding Resources  
[State Library](#) Grants Research Assistance  
[SC Grantmakers Network](#)  
[Federal grants](#) Grants.gov  
[Foundation Center](#) Foundation Directory Online

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